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DR. DOWIE ADOPTS TRINE IMMERSION.

On last Friday evening in accordance with a previous announcement Dr. Dowie met the first installment of the hundreds who have recently been led through his ministry to a full repentance for all sin, and to the confession of Jesus the Christ as their Savior preparatory to baptism.

He has been teaching that immersion only of a believer who has fully repented is Scriptural baptism; but has always baptized by a single act—one immersion. In an interview with him not long ago he asked us for some of the reasons we had for trine immersion. He did not seem much impressed with them, but said he would consider the subject further.

When he came to talk of the mode of immersion to the applicants he said that he had given it very little thought until we called his attention to it; but that it is clear to him now that trine immersion is the correct mode; that it accords best with the doctrine of the trinity, and the principles upon which his ministry is based; that he had promised God to walk in all the light that He would give him; and now that he sees that trine immersion is the true mode he asks us to baptize him that way before he will baptize any others, and that hereafter he will baptize no other way, and that all present who do not wish to be baptized by trine immersion he can not and will not baptize at all.

When it is remembered that Dr. Dowie is president of the International Divine Healing association which has representatives in every part of the civilized world with large organizations throughout Australia, the islands of the Pacific, the Pacific coast, and that thousands are flocking to him in Chicago from all parts of the United States, the impetus which his adoption of trine immersion would be expected to give to it is beyond our ability to foretell.

Six weeks and conference will be in session.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF OUR UNIVERSITY— DR. S. S. GARST.

Distasteful as it may be to an unassuming man to have his name used as the subject of discourse, essay or comment, every knowing person understands the necessity of the employer knowing the character and peculiarities of his employees.

We first heard of Dr. Garst when he was called to the presidency of Lordsburg college in 1891. But not until he offered his hand to the Brethren church at the meeting held at Roanoke, Va., in the Spring of 1892 by Bro. Bashor, did we give him special attention.

A few weeks after this event Bro. M. M. Eshelman made application to the Blackhawk county, Iowa, church for fellowship with the Brethren. We then had an opportunity of inquiring about the work and men in Southern California. Bro. Eshelman could not say enough in praise of Dr. Garst as a Christian gentleman and as an educator. The doctor's success in raising the attendance at Lordsburg college to double the number the most sanguine had expected, and the failure of the institution under the subsequent management to hold one fourth the number of students enrolled under Dr. Garst's administration was the tangible evidence that Bro. Eshelman's estimate of Dr. Garst was none too high.

Limited as the acquaintance of our Brotherhood is with Dr. Garst, he carries in his veins the same blood as that of our two most widely known and successful preachers: he is a full cousin of Brethren S. H. Bashor and I. D. Bowman. He also sustains the same relation to the wife of Brother B. C. Moomaw. With this knowledge of his relationship there is hardly a member in the church but what will unconsciously feel a personal acquaintance with Dr. Garst.

Notwithstanding the over-whelming influence of the relatives above named in directing the affairs of our great Brotherhood, Dr. Garst was elected president of the University solely upon his pre-eminent qualifications for the place. He accepts the position at the sacrifice of every earthly ambition, his sole object being to please God and serve his people.

Dr. Garst's literary and professional standing commands respect from the leaders of thought and science in all schools.

We did not have the privilege of meeting the doctor until lately, but we can assure you that he does not lose anything by coming in contact with people. While he has a dignified bearing he is sympathetic, and as approachable to any one as a mother is to her child. While his vocabulary is extensive he is its master and not it his. He

clothes his thoughts with no more apparent effort than a tree dons its foliage.

So far the prospects for the successful opening of the school are exceedingly flattering. The Ashland city church is in union and love and burning with zeal. It has unprecedented promises of rich ingatherings in the near future.

Only one thing remains to be adjusted and Ashland University will be as certain to move on to success as effect is to follow cause. That "one item" is to lift the financial incubus.

Dr. Garst was born May 5th, 1863, on a farm four miles south-west of Blountville, Sullivan Co., Tennessee.

In the section where he was born and reared good schools, at that time, (from 1863 to 1881), were unknown. In Autumn 1872, being almost ten years old, with Webster's Elementary Speller in hand he could be found each school morning wending his way nearly two miles to an old school house where he learned his letters; which he did the first day, and the third week he took up McGuffey's New Third Reader, (Revised Edition of 1871). From this time forward he did his own thinking, taking up "study" after "study" perusing and mastering them without any trouble. The person under whose instructions he was taught to spell and read became Rev. E. H. Vaughn, A. M., D. D., Ph. D., president of "Soule College," Dodge City, Kansas, a Methodist institution which bids fair to become one among the leading colleges of the land.

Dr. Garst, acquired all of his education under the most adverse circumstances. The Civil War plunged his father in financial ruin from which it took till 1880 to recover. In the meantime "Sam" (the Dr.) worked on the farm, part of the year, and at carpentering with his father the remainder, and occasionally putting from one to two months in Public Schools during the winter. To show the circumstances under which he labored while reading medicine let it be said that he would work all day on the farm and at night copy from Gray's Anatomy, and other works, such portions as he wished to commit, then whether hoeing corn or binding wheat, he would commit his task. In 1885, having taught four years in the Public Schools and finished the regular Course of Medicine and being 22 years old, he married Bessie G. May, who has contributed financially and otherwise, largely toward the completion of his college studies.

In the Autumn of 1885 he entered the University of Tenn., and graduated with A. B.

In 1889, he being desirous of better acquainting himself with the Science of Medicine, entered Jefferson College, Philadelphia,